

**FLOOR SCHEDULE FOR WEDNESDAY, MAY 4, 2011**

HOUSE MEETS AT:	FIRST VOTE PREDICTED:	LAST VOTE PREDICTED:
<b>10:00 a.m.: Morning Hour</b> <b>12:00 p.m.: Legislative Business</b>  <b>Fifteen "One Minutes" per side</b>	<b>12:30 – 1:30 p.m.</b>	<b>4:30 – 5:30 p.m.</b>

**H.Res. 237 - Rule providing for consideration of H.R. 3 - No Taxpayer Funding for Abortion Act (Rep. Smith (NJ) – Judiciary/Ways and Means/Energy and Commerce) (1 Hour of Debate)** The Rules committee has recommended a closed Rule that allows no amendments to be considered. The Rule would provide 40 minutes of debate equally controlled by the Chair and Ranking Member of the Committee on the Judiciary. The Rule would also provide 10 minutes of debate equally controlled by the Chair and Ranking Member of the Committee on Ways and Means, as well as 10 minutes of debate equally controlled by the Chair and Ranking Member of the Committee on Energy and Commerce. It allows for one motion to recommit with instructions. The Rule also merges the text of H.R. 3 and [H.R. 1232](#), as reported by the Ways and Means committee, into one bill. The Rules committee did not allow several amendments offered by Democratic Members, including an amendment offered by Rep. Baldwin, which would prohibit the bill from taking effect should it cause taxes for small businesses or individuals to increase.

**H.R. 3 - No Taxpayer Funding for Abortion Act (Rep. Smith (NJ) – Judiciary/Ways and Means/Energy and Commerce) (1 Hour of Debate)** H.R. 3 would prohibit the use of federal funds to pay for any abortion services. It prohibits individuals and small businesses from claiming various tax credits and deductions for health plans that provide any abortion coverage, and from using tax-preferred dollars to pay for medical services that include abortion services. It would also maintain "conscience protections" for individual health professionals and health providers that do not provide abortion services – but repeal those same protections for those providers that do offer abortion services. Lastly, it would again interfere with the District of Columbia, placing more restrictions on DC with respect to abortion.

Although this bill is advertised as reinforcing existing law, in truth H.R. 3 goes beyond current law. It applies the federal tax code to the issue of abortion for the first time, and restricts the private insurance choices that consumers have today. This bill exemplifies the republican social agenda instead of working to create jobs.

***Bill Text for H.R. 3:***

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***Background for H.R. 3:***

[House Report HTML Version](#)

[House Report HTML Version](#) – House Report from H.R. 1232 (Ways and Means)

[CRS Report](#) – Abortion: Judicial History and Legislative Response

**Complete Consideration of H.R. 1214 - To repeal mandatory funding for school-based health center construction (Rep. Burgess – Energy and Commerce) (1 Hour of Debate)** H.R. 1214 would repeal a provision in the Affordable Care Act that provides funding for the construction of school health centers. It also rescinds any unobligated funds that have already been appropriated to this program.

Currently, over 1,900 school based health centers (SBHCs) provide more than two million students with access to primary, mental and oral health care services, and this legislation ignores the studies which have demonstrated that the SBHC model is a critical and cost-effective part of our nation's health care safety net for children and adolescents. Currently, there are over 350 applications pending for these one-time grants, submitted from all regions of our country and representing rural, urban and suburban communities. This bill does not create jobs and continues the GOP Leadership's pattern of pursuing an ideological agenda and focusing on the wrong priorities.

The House completed general debate and debate on all amendments yesterday. There are two recorded votes pending on the following amendments:

**Jackson Lee Amendment.** Would require the Secretary of Health and Human Services to post a notice of this rescission, and the amount of the rescission, on the HHS website no later than 10 days after enactment

**Pallone Amendment.** Would require the Comptroller General to conduct a study to determine which school districts in the United States are most in need of constructing or renovating school-based health centers.

***Bill Text for H.R. 1214:***

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## The Daily Quote

"Some members are feeling the heat,' a congressional aide said, referring to some voters' reaction to a proposal by Paul Ryan, chairman of the House of Representatives Budget Committee, to gradually privatize the Medicare program...Ryan, who wrote the budget plan that calls for ending the traditional government-run Medicare program for people 54 and younger, gave them pointers on how to present the Republican case for overhauling the program...Polls show the proposal is unpopular with many Americans, and Republican lawmakers are hearing an earful from their constituents, according to news accounts and video postings on the Internet of local town-hall meetings."

- Reuters, 4/27/11